



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

BROWN RAYSMAN MILLSTEIN
FELDER & STEINER LLP
163 MADISON AVENUE
P.O. BOX 1989
MORRISTOWN, NJ 07962-1989

COPY MAILED

FEB 28 2005

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
Eric A. Schon, et al.
Application No. 10/655,999
Filed: September 5, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 5199-23

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 27, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed January 5, 2004. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned at midnight on March 5, 2004.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, the \$1,040 extension of time submitted on October 27, 2004 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account number 02-4270.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3229.

The application matter is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Retta Williams

Retta Williams
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy